

Consciousness Of Empire Emerges As Fresh Element

LONDON, OCT. 8. THE NEW YORK TIMES SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN LONDON SAID YESTERDAY: "IN THE PURSUIT OF CANDOUR, IT MUST BE STATED THAT NEVER IN HER LONG HISTORY HAS BRITAIN BEEN SO CONSCIOUS OF THE VALUE OF HER EMPIRE THAN AT THIS MOMENT."

"THE LIBERAL PARTY IN THE PAST WAS INFATUATED WITH A FREE TRADE POLICY, WHICH WAS ADMIRABLE AS LONG AS BRITAIN WAS AN INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIER OF THE WORLD AND WAS SO CONVINCED THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD SHOULD CONSIST OF ONE UNITED FAMILY THAT SHE BECAME EMBARRASSED BY THE EXISTENCE OF AN EMPIRE AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SEEN IT LIQUIDATED."

"As Socialists gradually superseded Liberals, they too found the Empire a menace to their philosophy and to their gospel of discontent. To them, the Dominions were children of capitalism and the exploitation of their parentage, to which no decent country would care to admit."

"The Conservatives have always been out and out in the matter of the Empire but between the two world wars, they conceived the idea that if they never mentioned it, the outside world might forget that it existed."

"It is true that the Empire saved Britain and civilisation (the terms are more or less synonymous)."

LEFT TO WASHINGTON. In 1914 and 1939, the Ottawa agreements largely protected Britain and the Dominions from the financial crisis which was raging. Even so, the Conservatives kept strangely quiet about it all. In fact, it was left to Washington to put the imperial policy in the very forefront of British politics. "I write these words with diffidence but it seems at times, to our phlegmatic minds, that the American politician is more generous than astute. Nothing would persuade me to elaborate on that theme, although it offers an agreeable temptation. When the United States Administration announced the end of 'Lend-Lease', it did so in the manner of a business man dealing with a contract that had run out."

"There were no softening of blows, no kindly phrases to soothe the ruffled British breast, no warning and no suggestion of what might follow. It seemed to use the voice of a business executive instead of a spokesman of a country, whose generosity and valour had won our hearts."

POST OFFICE NOTICE

HOLIDAYS

On TUESDAY, 9th OCTOBER, and WEDNESDAY, 10th OCTOBER, 1945, the General Post Office, Kowloon Central Post Office and the Sheungwan and Wansai Branch Post Offices will be open to the public between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon only.

J. H. B. Lee
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(Posts & Telegraphs)

8th October, 1945.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Council of the Association will be held at the office of Messrs. Lo and Lo, (by kind permission), Alexandra Building, First Floor, on Monday the 15th day of October, 1945 at 2.30 p.m. to discuss the question of revival of football in the Colony.

All Clubs affiliated to the Association and not represented on the Council are requested to send a representative to the Meeting.

Dated the 8th day of October, 1945

WONG KA TSUN

Chairman.

Hong Kong Football Association.

"KIRTON"

The following message has been received from SHANGHAI for Mr. Kirton.

"Miss Kirton in General Hospital, SHANGHAI. Nothing serious. Family all there. Requests her husband to come to SHANGHAI as soon as possible."

Will Mr. Kirton please report to No. 4, RAPWI Control Staff, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building (3rd floor) as soon as possible.

Battle Royal In Queen's Road

SHORTLY AFTER 9 P.M. LAST NIGHT, HONG KONG HAD AN UNOFFICIAL "DRESS REHEARSAL" FOR WHAT WE MIGHT EXPECT TO-DAY AS (ALSO UNOFFICIAL) PART OF THE VICTORY CELEBRATIONS WHICH OPEN WITH THE PARADE AND MARCH PAST WITH HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, ADMIRAL C. H. J. HARCOURT, TAKING THE SALUTE OUTSIDE THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANK.

A number of Service men, who had just come out of the cinema, decided it would be fun to let off some of the crackers that are being sold so cheaply—35 cents for "a hundred rounds."

Stationing themselves outside the Queen's Theatre, some five or six sailors were having what must have been to them great fun. They were burning crackers like so many school boys.

This went on until one of them playfully threw a "big fellow" across the road where another party of bluejackets had gathered round one of the many street stalls, interesting themselves in the torches and batteries that were on display.

Then the fun started. Interest in torches, batteries and cigarettes etc., was lost. Instead, a fire-cracker seller, who up till then had reported business as being slow, was suddenly called upon to cope with a sudden rush of business, and in less than a minute later a sharp exchange of fire was started lasting until well after 10 p.m.

Meanwhile a large number of people had gathered to watch the fun, all in good part, by "combatants" and lookers-on alike.

Then a "neutral" took a hand in the show, for all of a sudden a medium-sized packet was set alight and thrown over the verandah from China Building. This was taken by the opposing parties in the street below as the "cease fire" order and almost immediately quiet reigned again.

Happily, there were no casualties though one or two of the spectators came very near to being hit by "stray shots."

Two R.A.F. sentries effected the arrest of a Chinese who was attempting to steal a heavy canvas cover off a trolley at the Transport Pool in Nathan Road yesterday morning.

now being reorganised into the "Burma Command," which will be its final name, and is being gradually reduced in strength.—
Reuter.

SOEKARNO'S ACTIVITY IN INDONESIA

LONDON, OCT. 8. DR. SOEKARNO, LEADER OF THE NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT IN BATAVIA YESTERDAY BROADCAST AN INVITATION TO THE "FOUR LEADERS OF FREEDOM"—MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK OF CHINA, PANDIT NEHRU OF INDIA, DR. HERBERT EVATT OF AUSTRALIA AND MAJOR-GENERAL CARLOS ROMULO OF THE PHILIPPINES—TO COME TO JAVA AND INSPECT FOR THEMSELVES THE CONDITIONS PREVAILING THERE.

A REUTER MESSAGE FROM BATAVIA ALSO STATES THAT THE INDONESIANS ARE HANDING OUT LEAFLETS, PRINTED IN URDU, TO THE BRITISH INDIAN TROOPS, QUOTING PANDIT NEHRU'S SPEECH OF SEPTEMBER 30, IN WHICH HE SAID THAT INDIAN TROOPS SHOULD NEVER FIGHT TO SUPPRESS THE FREEDOM OF ANY OF THE PEOPLES OF ASIA AND AFRICA.

While Dr. Soekarno was travelling throughout Batavia, impressing the people that it would be to the advantage of the Republic to maintain law and order, 7,000 coolies struck in the dock areas. They refused to load Dutch ships but said they were prepared to unload British shipping in harbours. The Netherlands Authorities said they were prepared to meet the strike leaders to-day.

Two posters have appeared all over the island, saying that looking should be suppressed and that all unauthorised actions by the people against the advice of the Republican leaders must be prevented.

JAPANESE ARRESTED. These proclamations also warn against the printing of news and the fraudulent use of national leaders' names, and add that Dr. Soekarno, in an "interview" with the British military authorities, had told them that the Indonesian did not object to the arrival of British forces but objected to the Netherlands troops.

In Sourabaya, all members of the Japanese Kempeitai (Gestapo) have been arrested by Indonesians, who have taken possession of all Japanese tanks and a number of armoured cars.

The air field there is blocked with stakes and air service to Reuter.

Asking Too Much

LONDON, OCT. 8. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS NO RIGHT TO EXPECT COMPLETE AGREEMENT AMONG THE INDIANS BEFORE GRANTING THEM INDEPENDENCE, DECLARED MR. M. O. JOSHI, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE INDIAN TRADE UNION CONGRESS, AT AN INFORMAL RECEPTION GIVEN HERE YESTERDAY BY INDIAN RESIDENTS.

Mr. Joshi, who is on his way to Paris to attend the International Labour Conference, added: "India is not the only country where there are majorities and minorities. There are other countries in the world who disagree among themselves and yet enjoy freedom."

Mr. Joshi, an official of the British trade union movement, emphasised that the Indian trade union movement should be the basis of Indian independence.

NOTICE

It is hereby notified for general information that the Finance Branch of the Civil Affairs Administration, will, from Monday 8th October, 1945, be located in the former Yokohama Specie Bank Building, Des Voeux Road Central.

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HONGKONG TELEPHONE CO., LTD.
J. P. SHERRY,
Managing Director.

4th October, 1945.

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NOTICE

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Wanchai Government School will re-open on Friday, October 12. The Registration date is Monday, October 8.

A. St. C. Walton,
A. D. C. A. C. (Education).

NOTICE

I am leaving the Colony on 4th October, 1945. Until Mr. C. Bernard Brown arrives from United Kingdom the affairs of Messrs. Linstead & Davis will be looked after by MESSRS. ARNALDO HEITOR SILVA and HENRY U. KONG CHUNG.

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BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONGKONG

DELEGATION OF POWERS (AMENDMENT)

PROCLAMATION No. 4

Article 3

Regulation No. 6... Prohibition of Building Work

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Article 3 of the above mentioned proclamation I, DAVID MERCER MACDOUGALL, Brigadier, Chief Civil Affairs Officer, hereby make the following regulation:

1. Any work of building reconstruction or repair for which materials of an aggregate value in excess of \$250 are required, save work done under and in accordance with a permit issued by Col. (C.A.) Works, is hereby prohibited.

2. The aggregate value shall be calculated by reference to the price which the materials would have fetched in the open market at the date work commenced, or if this cannot be ascertained then such value as Col. C.A. Works certifies to be the aggregate value of the materials.

3. Any person in possession of any of the items specified in the schedule hereto, or of any other item which could suitably be employed in any work of building reconstruction or repair shall within fourteen days from the date of the publication of this regulation declare the same by giving full and accurate particulars thereof in writing to Col. (C.A.) Works at his office.

4. Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this regulation shall on conviction by the Standing Military Court be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars or to both, such imprisonment and fine.

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3. Electrical plant & fittings.

4. Sanitary fittings.

5. Drain and water pipes.

6. Structural Steel.

7. Tar and Bitumen.

GIVEN under my hand at HONGKONG this 6th day of October, 1945.

D. M. MACDOUGALL

Brigadier,

Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

